

Green County Ad Hoc Radio Committee

Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2018

Members Present:

Chief Fred Kelley
Dan Nufer-EMS
Bud Strunz-Highway
Kevin Hendrickson-New Glarus FD
Chief Dan Smits
Chris Naverson-Highway

Dana Weber-Recording Secretary
Sheriff Mark Rohloff
Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski
Ryan Ellingson
Tanna McKeon-EMG Director
Lt. Curtis Quinn

Alert and Associates Representatives:

Mike Day
John Thompson

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting called to order at 1:30p.m.
- 2) **Review Radio Consultant Report and Requested Changes:** The committee had some feedback on the report. Chief Smits emphasized that more problems need to be addressed and he brought up reference the infrastructure and the dispatch center should not be next to the jail. He also brought up redundancy and how our current system design is and if or when it fails will there be a backup and how this would impact our county. First Net was brought up and how would that help on the data end.

Elert and Associates advised that when they put the report together they were focused on the radio system. There was discussion on the tower sites, mobile coverage, and trunking.

The committee expressed that there needs to be clear and concise documentation on the problems, liabilities and effects listed in the Executive Summary. There was discussion of listing problems and any incidents with safety concerns to document the urgency in updating the systems and showing current failures. The committee identified adjoining counties where mutual aid is needed and how critical communication is needed, especially in the NW and SE portions of the county. Mutual aid agreements were discussed, along with simulcast systems and frequencies. There was discussion on the VHF challenges and the system design and logistics need to be explored more. There was discussion on the current tower sites and what is the counties goal and procedures to maintain communication.

- 3) **Review and Approve Recommendations and Timelines on proceeding with the Green County Radio Project:** Consultants Mike Day and John Thompson from Alert and Associates went over the working draft with the committee in detail. The committee made recommendations and requested updates. There was a consensus that there is a need to prioritize, update what we currently have, look at budgetary considerations, and look at all of the different options. The technology keeps changing and the county needs to decide what we need.

4) **Questions/Concerns:**

Discussion on: if a digital system is used there may be a possible need to operate in both digital and analog modes until all agencies were able to operate in digital.

The consultants pointed out there is little budgetary difference between the 2 digital options presented.

5) **Set next meeting date (if any):** The committee will meet in about 3 weeks once the consultants have updated the changes and the report is finished.

The goal is to present to County Board in April/May.

6) **Adjournment:** 4:20 p.m.